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In re Application of:
Lopez-Berestein et al.

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For: A METHOD TO INCORPORATE N-(4-HYDROXYPHENYL) RETINAMIDE IN LIPOSOMES

Group Art Unit: 1615

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 12, 2003

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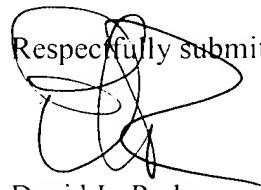
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2003 for which the date for response was April 11, 2003.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to May 12, 2003 (since May 11 fell on a weekend), which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:660US.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 54-119 and 130, *i.e.*, the Group III claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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